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SUDANESE BISHOP DIES**AS CHOPPER IS DOWNED**

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JUBA, Sudan (DPS, May 29) -- Bishop John Malau of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan in Wau was killed with six other passengers May 19 when the helicopter in which they were flying was shot down over Rumbeck by a SAM-7 (surface to air missile). No one group has claimed responsibility. A staff member of Band Aid, from London, was also killed.

Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning telexed Archbishop Elinana Ngalamu, who is reported to be ill in Khartoum, with a message of condolence and support for the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. The Episcopal Church of the Sudan is urging both sides to seek a cease fire and negotiate a just and peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Southern Sudan.

In his telegram, Browning said : "We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Rt. Rev. John Malau. You and the people of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan continue in our prayers at this time of loss and great travail."

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Wau is located in a region of the Southern Sudan which has increasingly been a focal point in the fighting between the Southern Sudan People's Liberation Army, Government of Sudan Army units and Arab raiders from the North. The People's Army, under the leadership of Col. John Garang, claims to be fighting for the political and economic rights of the Southern regions of Sudan against the government. Arab raiders, undeterred by the Sudanese army units, have begun crossing into the region to rob, rape and kill southern villagers. In one raid as many as 150 women and children were reported to have been chained together (through their hands) and marched off to the north into slavery. Other raids have left villages burned to the ground, leaving many thousands of southern villagers homeless and without shelter.

Elements of the Uganda National Liberation Army, supporters of the deposed Ugandan General Tito Okello, are attacking and looting United Nations and World Food Program refugee relief convoys south of Juba. Many roads are closed to travel because of mines, and a major bridge has been blown up. Severe food shortages are now predicted in many areas of the Southern Sudan.

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan's Development and Relief Department (formerly the Southern Sudan Refugee Assistance Project) has been assisting with relief efforts with funding support from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (PBF/WR). Development projects funding is being provided by the PBF/WR, the Ford Foundation and Catholic Relief Services. Development project planning and training activities at Lainya Vocational Training School are being conducted in cooperation with the Overseas Development Office at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Malau had served as an executive with the Sudan Council of Churches and on the board of the All Africa Council of Churches until he returned to his native region two years ago after the civil strife made life difficult for his congregations. He leaves a wife and six children.

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WESTERN NEW YORK

ELECTS BOWMAN

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BUFFALO (DPS, May 29) -- The Rev. David Charles Bowman was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Western New York on the second ballot on May 17, 1986. The special Electoral Convention met at St. Paul's Cathedral, here.

Bowman was one of the four nominees offered by the Nominating Committee. The others were the Rev. Jack Eales of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; the Rev. William Lawson of Lynn, Mass.; and the Rev. Hays Rockwell of New York. An additional nomination was made from the floor of the Rev. Albert Sam, diocesan priest.

In spite of a ponderous canonical process which resulted in the first ballot being taken three hours after the start of the electoral convention, the election came swiftly. The diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Harold B. Robinson, commented later that this election is a mandate and expresses the unity of mind and spirit within the diocese. "Father Bowman is eminently qualified to be Bishop of this diocese. I am convinced that in ten years the diocese will rejoice in today's election," Robinson stated.

Bowman received his B.A. from Ohio University in 1955 and his B.D. from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1960. He was ordained to the diaconate in June 1960 and to the Priesthood in December 1960. He served in the Army from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

From 1960 to 1963, Bowman was an assistant at Epiphany in Cleveland, Vicar of St. Andrew's, North Grafton, Mass. (63-66), Rector at St. Andrew's in Youngstown, Ohio (67-73), Rector of St. James', Paineville (73-80), and is currently Rector of Trinity Church, Toledo, Ohio.

He currently is involved in the Levis Square Ministries, an outreach arm of Trinity Church to downtown Toledo whose purpose is to improve the quality of life in the downtown area. Ecumenically, he is involved in the Metro Toledo Churches United, of which he is President.

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Bowman was President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Ohio from 1976 to 1980. He was an alternate deputy to the General Convention in 1976 and was elected as a deputy to the General Convention in 1979, 1982, and 1985.

He is married to Nancy Lou Betts (June 30, 1962). They have three children: Ann, 21, William, 18, and Sarah, 15.

Robinson, a native of England, has been bishop of the diocese since 1970. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1946 and served parishes in San Diego until he was called as dean of St. Paul's, Buffalo, in 1962. He was elected bishop coadjutor in 1968. Robinson is president of Province II, chairman of the Episcopal Radio/TV Foundation, and a member of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations.

The diocese consists of 28,000 baptized members in 69 congregations served by 129 priests.

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EPISCOPAL PUBLICATIONS

WIN CHURCH PRESS KUDOS

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SAN FRANCISCO (DPS, May 29) -- The Communicant, monthly newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, swept the annual competition of the Associated Church Press this year, taking a general excellence award and five merit awards. The awards were announced at the organization's annual convention here.

The general excellence award in the newspaper category cited it as "a solid, yet surprisingly clever diocesan newspaper which presents regional, national, and international issues with liveliness and balance.

New World Outlook, monthly missions magazine of the United Methodist Church, won a general excellence award for a denominational magazine. It was cited as "a magazine which devotes each issue to one topic, e.g., the environment, feminism and ethnic traditions, and explores it in depth and penetratingly, but avoids simplistic answers."

Cathedral Age, published quarterly by the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation in Washington, also won a general excellence award for a denominational magazine. The citation said, "While graphically employing a traditional approach that is contemporary in spirit, the magazine combines subjects of national interest within the local perspective of the National Cathedral."

Christian History, published quarterly by the Christian History Institute, won the general excellence award for best special interest magazine. It was cited as "an elegant, informative, unusual publication with thorough, scholarly, and highly readable presentations of a broad range of persons, groups and events in the history of Christianity."

Interchange, published quarterly by the Lutheran Council in the USA, won the general excellence award in the newsletter category. It was described as "an informative, effective and credible newsletter which successfully combines the written word with a superb graphic grid that is organized, yet flexible."

The Church Woman, published quarterly by Church Women United, won the general excellence award for publications with circulations of

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10,000 or less. The citation said that "the simple and dignified cover approach makes this a publication which reflects quality and quiet intelligence."

The awards given this year include:

Theological reflection by a publication under 10,000 circulation -- The Witness, published monthly by the Episcopal Church Publishing Co., for "Meditation for a Nuclear Age," by Paul Moore, Jr.

News story by a publication under 10,000 circulation -- The Witness, for "Witness Author Loses N.C. Parish," by Mary Lou Suhor.

Newspaper graphics for an entire issue -- The Communicant, editor John B. Justice.

Humor -- The Communicant, for "Confessions of a Preacher's Kid," by Allison Craig.

Newspaper photography -- The Communicant, for pictures taken by Wilson Carter.

Magazine photography in an entire issue -- Cathedral Age, photographer Morton Broffman.

Feature article in a magazine of 10,000 circulation or less -- Living Message, published monthly by the Anglican Church of Canada, for "Encountering God in the Poor of Latin America," by Hazel Jack.

Newspaper feature article -- The Communicant, for "The Birth of Mirth," by Michael McFee.

In-depth reporting of a current issue by a publication with circulation on 10,000 or less -- The Witness, for "AIDS: The Plague that Lays Waste at Noon."

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NORTH AMERICAN DEANS

MEET IN MID-EAST

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DALLAS (DPS, May 29) -- The Very Rev. C. Preston Wiles, dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral here and secretary of the 1986 North American Cathedral Deans' Conference, took time recently to reflect on this year's meeting. It was held in Jerusalem and Cairo, April 8-20, at the "urgent invitation" of the deans of the cathedrals in those cities.

The conference drew 48 cathedral deans and 37 of their wives from the United States and Canada in what Wiles called "a statement of our concern over the problems confronting the Episcopal Church's presence in the Holy Land." Planning had been underway for two years with St. George's College, Jerusalem, to develop and direct a special course of study for the deans' annual gathering, the purpose of which is "to serve as a collegial synod of cathedral deans to study, share in and learn, firsthand, how each host cathedral responds through its ministry to diocesan and community needs."

In Jerusalem, this was done through study, worship and field work. Wiles praised "the gifted leadership" of the Dean of St. George's College, the Very Rev. John Peterson; the faculty there; the staff of the cathedral; the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, Bishop of Jerusalem; the Rev. Canon Hugh Wybrew, dean designate; and the Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, executive secretary of the diocese and Arab Pastor.

According to Wiles, "few Americans and Episcopalians are aware of the fact that the Episcopal Church's presence in Palestine is Arabic and that the diminution in numbers of Episcopalians has become alarming over the past decade." He added that "only 8,000 (essentially Arabic Anglicans) remain today in the Middle East."

The Anglican Church in the Diocese of Jerusalem is located primarily in East Jerusalem, an Arabic community. Wiles said, "Although there is a strong tendency to tar all Arabs with the same brush because of strong anti-terrorist sentiments that quite understandably exist in the United States, there is no intention on the part of the Church to forsake our courageous and dedicated brethren in the Diocese of Jerusalem. The Arab community is not monochrome, although its appeal for justice and first-class citizenship is single-minded."

Wiles emphasized that "the Deans' Conference is not a political or legislative gathering, but there was a strong consensus among

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the deans to do everything possible to support our Christian brethren in the Holy Land." He described the members of the conference, upon their adjournment in Jerusalem, as being "determined to make their concern and support known -- first of all, to our own churchmen in Jerusalem and the Middle East; secondly, to bring to the attention of Israeli and Arabic leaders, through our own individual approaches, the immediate need to remove whatever the pressures are that are creating a diminishing number of Episcopal churchmen in that land held sacred by Christians, as well as by other major religious faiths."

Some 37 deans and 24 wives participated in the second part of the conference which was held in Cairo. There, they were hosted by the Rt. Rev. G. A. Malik, Bishop of Egypt, and the Very Rev. Phillip Cousins, provost. A highlight of their four days there, according to Wiles, was a visit to the new All Saints' Cathedral complex, which is nearing completion. The old cathedral was razed to make way for a freeway, and the government is providing the basic cost of constructing the replacement, with the Church covering the cost of furnishings.

Activities included such usual tourist activities as visits to the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum, but the group also visited Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf, 60 kilometers from Cairo. According to Wiles, the present hospital grew out of a houseboat medical ministry by Dr. Frank Harpur, who began his work in 1889 with the poor and those beyond the reach of hospitals. The hospital presently receives both ecumenical and community support, and the Anglican bishops in Cairo played a major role in its building.

The deans and their wives were also given a reception by Pope Shenouda III, of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate. Wiles said, "Not only were we warmly received, but entertained with a sumptuous reception, with each dean presented with a leather replica of the Coptic cross."

In summing up the Cairo part of the trip, Wiles said, "To most of us, the visit was an unlikely dream come true, and we left Cairo all the more enriched by the singleness of purpose demonstrated. The Anglican presence, though small in numbers, is not to be underestimated in its contribution to the Christian community in that important country of northeastern Africa."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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